Deans' Group Minutes 3/23/05

In Attendance: Lauren Adamson, JL Albert, Roy Bahl, Joan Carson, Ron Colarusso, Bill Fritz, Charlene Hur Fenwick Huss, Steve Kaminshine, Susan Kelley, Robin Morris

Minutes of 3/9/05 were approved.

Expenditure policy GSUF
Nancy Peterson presented a handout for the Georgia State University Foundation Proposal for Authorizing Expenditures. Nancy Peterman explained that the deans should use their own discretion on what expenses are from their Foundation account. Nancy Peterman reviewed and discussed the list with the deans. The question was raised that the list did not mention expenditures for students such as Graduate Assistants. Lauren Adamson asked which category would recruitment meals fall under. Nancy Peterman responded that recruitment meals would fall under category #5.

Nancy Peterman expressed appreciation to the deans for their input on the draft proposal. Nancy will email the handout to the deans so that they can discuss with their college personnel.

Early College Initiative
Ron Henry began discussion on the efforts to improve high school student's success into college. Ron Henry reported that the state of Georgia ranks 47th in the nation of students who graduate from high school. Ron Henry mentioned that the prison population holds a significant number of prisoners (~80%) who did not graduate from high school. Ron Henry added that some level of education beyond high school needs to occur in order to for a person to be a productive citizen in the twenty-first century. Ron Henry turned the discussion over to Gwen Benson to explain the initiative.

Gwen Benson addressed the handouts on the Early College High School. Gwen explained that Georgia State is partnering with the Atlanta Public School on the initiative. The money awarded for the initiative is $450,000 over the next four years. Georgia State has the first model in the state for the initiative.

Gwen Benson explained the handout on The New Schools of Carver. The four New Schools of Carver will open on the Carver campus on August 15, 2005. The small high schools include Early College, Science and Technology, Health Sciences and Research, and the Performing Arts. The School will also feature a Center for Excellence in Teaching. Each small school has a principal, a designated staff, a unique instructional program, and a maximum capacity of 400 students. Gwen Benson reported that the curriculum is being developed for the Schools. The screening for the principal and the teachers is underway. The New Carver School will start out in 2005 with 100 ninth graders in each school and will add 100 each year until reaching a capacity of 400. Two student groups from Georgia State University have agreed to provide tutoring and mentoring for the students.

Gwen Benson asked for feedback from the deans. The deans expressed concern on getting support in the departments and faculty with the initiative. Charlene Hurt commented that the handout did not include the Library as an area of support needed from GSU. Gwen Benson commented that the proposal will continue to get feedback on areas that need to be included. The deans asked what criteria were used to select students for the Early College High School. Gwen Benson commented that interviews were conducted with the students and their parents. Also, students were asked to provide writing samples. The state scores in reading were accessed for the students.

Lauren Adamson commented that she plans to speak with the A&S Chairs Council and the college faculty to inform them of the initiative and to get their feedback. Lauren added that the parameters of the initiative will be important.
Ron Colarusso mentioned that the Atlanta Public School Superintendent Beverly Hall is very supportive of the initiative. Ron Colarusso added that the initiative will need the support of the university in order to succeed.

Gwen Benson wrapped up the discussion by ensuring that the deans will be kept up-to-date as the Early College Initiative moves forward.

**Budget presentation to Regents**
Ron Henry reported that Georgia State's budget hearing is scheduled for March 24. Ron Henry added that two will be the main focus at the hearing. The first request will include taking 1/2 of the workload money to replace money lost during the payroll shift. The second request will be a Special Allocation for $5 million.

**Criteria for Regents Professor**
Ron Henry reported that the draft of the Criteria for Regents Professor was reviewed by the ten current Regents Professors. Ron Henry received seven responses of support for the Criteria. Ron Henry asked the deans for comments and approval. The deans approved the draft. Ron Henry will present the draft to Administrative Council.

**Criteria for Emeriti Professor**
Ron Henry presented the draft for comments and approval. The deans approved the draft.

**Any other business**
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 9:30-11:30 am, Golden Key Board Room, Student Center

Submitted by Cynthia Fox-Giddens